(iii) Final Priced Bids. 07.02.1998

(b) On 24.2.1997, the Joint Management Committee (JMC) of the Oman-India Fertilizer Project (OIFP) declared the consortium of Snamprogetti S.P.A., Italy and Technip S.A., France as the preferred Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Bidder for setting up OIFP on a lumpsum turn-key basis.

(c) and (d) In its representations to Oman Oil Company S.A.O.C. (Oman Oil) and the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, the consortium of Uhde, Gmbh Germany and George Wimpey International Ltd., U.K., (Uhde) had questioned the application of the loading criteria adopted for evalauation of the variations with reference to the terms of the notice inviting tender. The representation of Uhde was considered and rejected by Oman on 13.3.1997. On 21.4.1997 Uhde was informed by the Government that the selection of preferred bidder for OIFP has been made by the project authorities after following an objective criteria for evaluation and the matter did not call for any interference by the Government. Uhde has, however, pressed its case again.

Irregularities in Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd., Amjhore

1893. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmnt are aware of the fact that 'Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Limited Amjhore' in the district of Rohtas in Southern Bihar is running at loss and corrutpion is on high level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's action against the corruption?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Single Superphosphate (SSP) unit of Pyrities, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) at Amjhore, which follows the high cost pyrities route for the production of sulphuric acid used in the manufacture of SSP, has been incurring losses since its inception. The details of the losses incurred since 1990-91 are as under:

	(Rs. in crore)
1990-91	0.26
1991-92	0.19
1992-93	9.42
1993-94	11.16
1994-95	6.12
1995-96	0.70
1996-97	2.63

There is no prima facie evidence of rampant corruption in the unit. Appropriate action is taken whenever any serious irregularity comes to light.

Import of Phosphate and Potash Fertilizers

1894. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to import Phosphate and Potash fertilizer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any plan for self production of the same fertilizer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Presently, there is no proposal for arranging the imports of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers on Government account. The imports of these fertilizers, which are de-canalised, are being made freely on trade account.

(c) and (d) The phosphatic and potassic fertilizer industry is de-licensed and entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. In as far as the production units under the administrative contol of this Department are concerned, capacity augmentation works are currently in progress at (i) the Manali unit of Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL) and (ii) the Kandla unit of Indian Farmers and Fertilizers Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).

मध्य प्रदेश में गैस पर आधारित उर्वरक संयंत्र

1895. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री मूलचंद मीणा:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को मध्य प्रदेश में गैस पर आधारित नए उर्वरक संयंत्र स्थापित करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन प्रस्तावों को कब तक मंजूरी दे दी जाएगी?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री एम० अरूणाचलम): (क) से (ग) मध्य प्रदेश में गैस पर आधारित नया उर्वरक संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए सरकार को कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Wrong exclusion of bulk drugs

1896. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints against wrong exclusion of over 60 bulk drugs based on 1989-90 criteria were made to his Ministry;

(b) when are these complaints received and why were they kept in cold storage;

(c) what was the turn over of Diphenoxylate Hcl, Glybenclamide, Vitamin B6, Sisomycin, Dextrochloropheniramine Maleate, Anatadine Hcl, Foot and Mouth Diseases Vaccine, Codeine Phosphate etc. during 1989-90 and why were they excluded; and

(d) who is responsible for this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) After promulgation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order on 6th January, 1995, the Government received several representations against inclusion of certain drugs under price control. In some of these representations asking for exclusion, reference was made to certain drugs kept out of price control as an argument to plead their case for exclusion. All the representations have since been looked into and decision not to make any change in the list of bulk drugs under price control has been taken and conveyed to all concerned on 10th June, 1997.

Revival of sick fertilizer units in Bihar

1897. SHRI GYAN RAJNAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed for revival of sick fertilizer units in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have finalised the revival package for sick units and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action plan for 1997-98 and funds allocated, project-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to seek cooperation and involve labour organisations in formulation and execution of the project for effective labour participation?